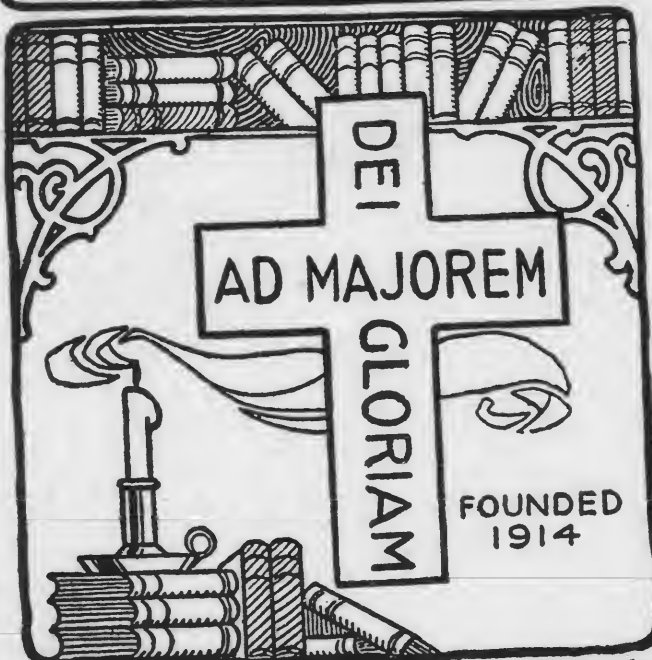


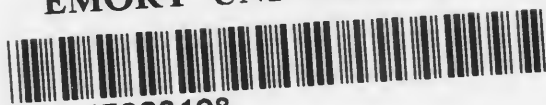
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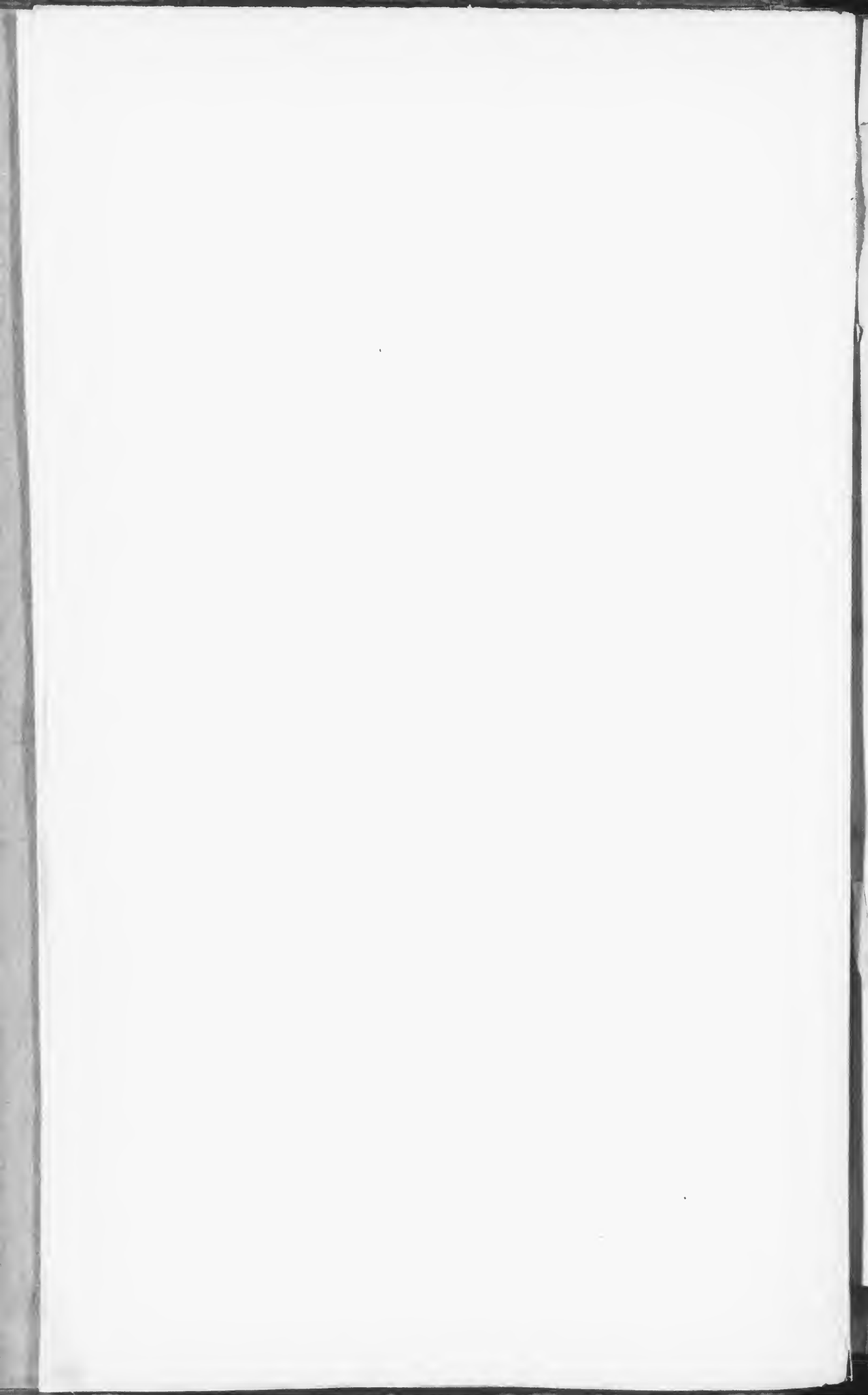
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| Hotchkiss, M. S.    | Porter, M. H.      | Weaver, W. E.        |
| Hocutt, Enon G. ¶   |                    | Woolsey, Robert T. ¶ |

\*Superannuate.

†Supernumerary.

‡Admitted on trial.

¶Continued on trial.

# MINUTES.

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The Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its forty-third session, in the Methodist Church in Bryan, at 9 A. M. December 13th, 1882, Bishop Linus Parker in the chair.

The Conference was opened with religious exercises conducted by the Bishop.

After the roll was called H. V. Philpott was elected Secretary; Weems Wootton, Assistant Secretary; A. T. Hotchkiss, Statistical Secretary, and M. S. Hotchkiss, Special Statistician for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Bishop presented to the Conference the following list of appointments in the territory set off by the General Conference from the Northwest Texas Conference to the Texas Conference:

## WACO DISTRICT.

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Marlin Circuit . . . . .             | J. S. Tunnell.            |
| Kosse " . . . . .                    | Samuel Morriss.           |
| Mt. Vernon Circuit . . . . .         | Supplied by J. W. Hunton. |
| Bremond " . . . . .                  | C. S. McCarver.           |
| Calvert and Hearne Circuit . . . . . | J. W. Dickinson.          |
| Wheelock " . . . . .                 | W. K. Turner.             |
| West Falls " . . . . .               | S. J. Franks.             |
| Big Creek " . . . . .                | Supplied by H. T. Hart.   |
| Headville " . . . . .                | J. M. Lewis.              |

## GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rockdale and Cameron . . . . . | James Campbell.    |
| Cameron Circuit . . . . .      | J. H. Collard, Jr. |
| San Gabriel " . . . . .        | W. W. Henderson.   |
| Davilla " . . . . .            | N. F. Law.         |
| Milano " . . . . .             | William Walker.    |

## CORSICANA DISTRICT.

|                               |                |
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| Jewett Circuit . . . . .      | S. C. Vaughan. |
| Centreville Circuit . . . . . | J. T. Simpson. |
| Buffalo " . . . . .           | G. R. Bryce.   |
| Fairfield " . . . . .         | W. L. Andrews. |
| Centreville Station . . . . . | J. F. Follin.  |
| Personville . . . . .         |                |

The following who were received with the set-off territory were transferred back to the Northwest Texas Conference: J. S. Tunnell, Samuel Morriss, C. S. McCarver, J. W. Dickinson, S. J. Franks, James Campbell, J. H. Collard, Jr., W. W. Henderson, and W. L. Andrews.

The preachers of the "set-off territory" who remain as members of the Texas Conference are: N. F. Law, William Walker, J. T. Simpson, S. C. Vaughan, G. R. Bryce, J. F. Follin, W. K. Turner, and J. M. Lewis.

Revs. Thomas Stanford, Presiding Elder of Waco District; George W. Graves, Presiding Elder of the Georgetown District, and James Mackey, Presiding Elder of the Corsicana District (last year), of the Northwest Texas Conference, were present, representing that portion of their former charges in the "set-off territory." They rendered valuable service and met a cordial welcome from the brethren of the Texas Conference.

A communication from Rev. J. W. Hinton, Editor of the QUARTERLY REVIEW, was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from Rev. I. G. John, Editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from Rev. J. B. McFerrin, concerning the "Colvin Bequest," with a draft for \$56.16, was received and referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

No further communication was received by the Conference respecting the leading interests of the Church.

The Disciplinary questions were then taken up and answered as follows:

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer. Robert T. Woolsey, Enon G. Hocutt, Gideon Powledge, T. B. Graves, Silas F. Hill, C. M. Keith, and James M. Lawson.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Ans. W. H. Brooks, Samuel N. Barker, William Walker, and James T. Simpson—J. M. Lewis, not having been before the Committee of the Class of the Second Year, was continued on trial in the Class of the Second Year.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Ans. None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. J. P. Childers, B. F. Johnson, and James R. Dunn. (Bro. Dunn had brought up the studies of the first and second years and was admitted.)

Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted?

Ans. Wesley A. Lindsey.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans. Samuel Weaver, Seth Ward, Henry Jones, H. M. Glass, and James Peeler, from the Northwest Texas Conference; P. P. Norwood, from the West Texas Conference; I. Z. T. Morris, from the North Alabama Conference; E. D. Pitts, from the North Texas Conference; Pat. B. Sims, from the South Georgia Conference; H. M. Sears, from the Memphis Conference; and D. H. Linebaugh, from the Little Rock Conference.

Ques. 7. Who are deacons of one year?

Ans. None.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Ans. Jefferson P. Childers.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Ans. Jefferson P. Childers.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Ans. William Walker.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Ans. William Walker, and William S. Taylor.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Ans. Milton S. Hotchkiss, James A. Duncan, and J. C. Mickle, of this class, were already elders.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Ans. Milton S. Hotchkiss.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Ans. George M. Robinson, Absalom C. Delaplain, and Thomas E. Johnson.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Ans. Thomas E. Johnson, and Richard T. Purser.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Ans. E. C. Finley, T. J. Thomasson and G. V. Ridley—at their own request.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Ans. J. Matthews, S. J. Graves, C. J. Lane, William Shapard, John M. Whipple, and Wesley Smith.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Ans. T. W. Blake, J. M. Turner, Alex. Henkle, James G. Johnson, N. A. Cravens, John H. Davidson, F. A. McShan, J. W. Whipple, and James Peeler.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Ans. Robert Alexander, B. D. Dashiell, and Henry B. Stocking. (See report in Appendix).

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. The following names were called and their characters passed: Jacob Matthews, S. J. Graves, C. J. Lane, William Shapard, John M. Whipple, Wesley Smith, T. W. Blake, J. M. Turner, Alex. Henkle, James G. Johnson, N. A. Cravens, John H. Davidson, F. A. McShan, J. W. Whipple, T. W. Rogers, H. M. DuBose, S. H. Werlein, J. W. Kelley, O. T. Hotchkiss, C. R. Shapard, R. F. Beasley, George H. Phair, I. G. John, G. W. Briggs, E. S. Smith, A. E. Goodwyn, W. G. Nelms, W. E. Weaver, M. H. Porter, J. L. Murray, Weems Wootton, C. W. Thomas, T. F. Dimmitt, A. L. P. Green, J. L. Lemons, G. S. Sandle, C. H. Brooks, F. L. Allen, C. L. Farrington, W. K. Turner, S. C. Littlepage, F. T. Mitchell, H. V. Philpott, W. J. Phillips, S. H. Brown, J. M. Wesson, and J. H. Chambliss.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions, of the Conference?

Ans. See statistical table in appendix.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 510.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 480.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Ans. 102.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

Ans. 745.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday School scholars?

Ans. 5,621.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Ans. Five per cent. on the receipts of the pastors. The receipts were \$28,788.45; five per cent. would be \$1,439.42.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Ans. \$1,412.65. See Report of Joint Board of Finance, in appendix.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for Missions?

Ans. For Foreign Missions, \$2,053.21; for Domestic Missions, \$1,063.65.



Ques. 30. What are the educational statistics?

Ans. See Report on Education in appendix.

Ques. 31. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Ans. Flatonia.

Ques. 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Ans. The Bishop announced the appointments; and the Texas Conference adjourned, having held one of the most important, harmonious sessions that has marked its history in the last decade.

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GALVESTON DISTRICT—THOMAS W. ROGERS, Presiding Elder.

|                                            |                                  |
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| Galveston, St. Johns . . . . .             | G. W. Briggs.                    |
| Galveston, St. James . . . . .             | H. M. Sears.                     |
| Houston, Shearn Church . . . . .           | S. H. Werlein.                   |
| Houston, Washington Street . . . . .       | To be supplied by S. H. Dean.    |
| Houston, Fifth Ward . . . . .              | B. F. Johnson.                   |
| Red Bluff and Alvin Mission . . . . .      | S. H. Brown.                     |
| Bolivar Mission . . . . .                  | To be supplied by R. S. Dingman. |
| Richmond and Sealy . . . . .               | P. P. Norwood.                   |
| Wharton and Eagle Lake Mission . . . . .   | R. F. Beasley.                   |
| Columbia and Brazoria . . . . .            | J. L. Murray.                    |
| Velasco . . . . .                          | G. H. Phair.                     |
| San Felipe . . . . .                       | John R. Dunn.                    |
| Cedar Bayou . . . . .                      | To be supplied.                  |
| TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Editor . . . . . | I. G. John.                      |

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AUSTIN DISTRICT—C. H. BROOKS, Presiding Elder.

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| Austin Station } . . . . .           | A. E. Goodwyn.                   |
| Austin Circuit and Mission . . . . . | William Shapard, supernumerary.  |
| Colorado Mission . . . . .           | To be supplied by W. H. Baxter.  |
| Webberville Circuit . . . . .        | Milton H. Porter.                |
| Cedar Creek " . . . . .              | To be supplied by R. H. Johnson. |
| Elgin Circuit } . . . . .            | Robert T. Woolsey.               |
| Bastrop and Hill's Prairie . . . . . | J. M. Whipple, supernumerary.    |
| Winchester Circuit . . . . .         | J. A. Duncan.                    |
| West Point " . . . . .               | James M. Lawson.                 |
| La Grange Station . . . . .          | M. S. Hotchkiss.                 |
| Flatonia " } . . . . .               | E. B. Chappell.                  |
| Flatonia " { . . . . .               | Weems Wootton.                   |
| Weimar . . . . .                     | C. J. Lane, supernumerary.       |
| Columbus . . . . .                   | W. A. Lindsey.                   |
|                                      | C. W. Thomas.                    |

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CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—I. Z. T. MORRIS, Presiding Elder.

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| Chappell Hill Station { . . . . .    | J. M. Wesson.                       |
| Chappell Hill Station { . . . . .    | Jacob Matthews, supernumerary.      |
| Travis Circuit and Mission . . . . . | D. H. Linebaugh.                    |
| Brenham Station . . . . .            | E. S. Smith.                        |
| Burton and Giddings . . . . .        | A. L. P. Green.                     |
| Deanville Circuit . . . . .          | To be supplied by T. B. Buckingham. |
| Lexington " . . . . .                | To be supplied by R. T. Purser.     |

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| Caldwell Circuit . . . . .      | G. S. Sandle.           |
| Milano " . . . . .              | Joseph L. Lemons.       |
| Rockdale " . . . . .            | Pat B. Sims.            |
| Cameron " . . . . .             | S. C. Vaughan.          |
| Davilla " . . . . .             | N. F. Law.              |
| Maysfield " . . . . .           | Thomas B. Graves.       |
| West Falls . . . . .            | G. R. Bryce.            |
| Chappell Hill Mission . . . . . | Enon G. Hocutt.         |
| Hempstead and Hockley . . . . . | J. W. Kelley.           |
| Soule College . . . . .         | E. D. Pitts, President. |

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HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—H. V. PHILPOTT, Presiding Elder.

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| Huntsville Station . . . . .                            | H. M. DuBose.                |
| Huntsville Circuit . . . . .                            | Silas F. Hill.               |
| Waverly Mission . . . . .                               | Gideon Powledge.             |
| Cold Springs Circuit . . . . .                          | J. H. Chambliss.             |
| Willis . . . . .                                        | S. M. Barker.                |
| Spring Creek Mission . . . . .                          | William H. Brooks.           |
| Plantersville Circuit . . . . .                         | C. R. Shapard.               |
| Navasota and Millican . . . . .                         | T. F. Dimmitt.               |
| Anderson Circuit . . . . .                              | W. J. Phillips.              |
| Bryan Station } . . . . .                               | F. T. Mitchell.              |
| Bryan Circuit } . . . . .                               | S. J. Graves, supernumerary. |
| Zion " . . . . .                                        | J. C. Mickle.                |
| Madisonville Circuit . . . . .                          | J. P. Childers.              |
| Chaplain to State Penitentiary, at Huntsville . . . . . | J. T. Simpson.               |
|                                                         | C. L. Farrington.            |

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CALVERT DISTRICT, F. L. ALLEN, Presiding Elder.

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| Calvert and Hearne . . . . .           | W. G. Nelms.                |
| Bremond and Kosse . . . . .            | Samuel Weaver.              |
| Blue Ridge Circuit . . . . .           | H. T. Hart.                 |
| Marlin " . . . . .                     | H. M. Glass.                |
| Jewett " . . . . .                     | William Walker.             |
| Fairfield " . . . . .                  | S. C. Littlepage.           |
| Centerville " . . . . .                | J. F. Follin and Seth Ward. |
| Headville Mission . . . . .            | Henry Jones.                |
| Wheelock Circuit . . . . .             | W. K. Turner.               |
| Mount Vernon Circuit . . . . .         | J. M. Lewis.                |
| Bufalo Circuit . . . . .               | C. M. Keith.                |
| Pearsonville Circuit . . . . .         | W. E. Weaver.               |
| Calvert District High School . . . . . | J. F. Follin, Principal.    |

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TRANSFERRED.—F. A. Mood, J. S. Tunnell, Samuel Morriss, C. S. McCarver, J. W. Dickinson, S. J. Franks, James Campbell, J. H. Collard, Jr., W. W. Henderson, and W. L. Andrews, to the Northwest Texas Conference.

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## APPENDIX.

### RESOLUTIONS.

On motion, Rev. I. G. John was elected to edit the Conference Minutes—the Secretary being relieved from all the responsibility, every way, in the premises.

On motion, the Conference adopted the following:

WHEREAS, We do truly sympathize with our Parent Board of Missions in its present embarrassment:

AND WHEREAS, We do realize that the further prosecution of our Master's cause in the foreign field depends, in a great measure, upon our immediate assistance; therefore,

*Resolved*, That each pastor in this Conference will take up a collection for Foreign Missions during the months of January or February, and forward the same to J. W. Whipple.

The following was adopted with a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That we extend our cordial thanks to the good people of Bryan for their kind hospitality to and entertainment of the Conference, and we will hold them in grateful and prayerful remembrance.

O. T. HOTCHKISS,  
T. W. ROGERS.

The following was adopted by a similar vote:

WHEREAS, This is the first visit of our beloved Bishop Parker to our Conference;

AND WHEREAS, He has shown himself to be a worthy successor to his noble predecessors, we shall pray that his life may be long spared, and we shall always welcome him among us to preside in our sessions.

*Resolved*, That the Bishop is respectfully requested to make his home in Texas.

F. T. MITCHELL,  
A. E. GOODWYN.

Similar complimentary action was had respecting the churches.

### Report of Board of Missions.

The Board of Domestic Missions reported as follows the appropriations and assessments for 1883:

#### GALVESTON DISTRICT:

|                           |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Bolivar Mission . . . . . | \$125 00 |          |
| Red Bluff . . . . .       | 100 00   |          |
| Eagle Lake . . . . .      | 125 00—  | \$350 00 |

## AUSTIN DISTRICT:

|                                      |         |        |
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| Colorado Mission . . . . .           | 200 00  |        |
| Austin Circuit and Mission . . . . . | 150 00— | 350 00 |

## CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT:

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| Chappell Hill Mission . . . . . | 150 00  |        |
| Travis Mission . . . . .        | 150 00— | 300 00 |

## HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT:

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| Waverly Mission . . . . .      | 100 00  |        |
| Spring Creek Mission . . . . . | 100 00— | 200 00 |

## CALVERT DISTRICT:

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| Headsville Mission . . . . . | 100 00— | 100 00 |
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\$1,300 00

## ASSESSMENTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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| Galveston District . . . . .     | \$275 00 |            |
| Austin Districts . . . . .       | 275 00   |            |
| Chappell Hill District . . . . . | 275 00   |            |
| Huntsville District . . . . .    | 275 00   |            |
| Calvert District . . . . .       | 200 00   | \$1,300 00 |

## ASSESSMENTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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| Galveston District . . . . .     | \$650 00 |            |
| Austin District . . . . .        | 650 00   |            |
| Chappell Hill District . . . . . | 650 00   |            |
| Huntsville District . . . . .    | 650 00   |            |
| Calvert District . . . . .       | 400 00   | \$3,000 00 |

I. G. JOHN, Secretary.

## Report Committee on District Conference Records.

The Committee on Conference Records made their report, which was adopted, viz.:

"Only three of the records of District Conferences came into our hands *i. e.*, Galveston, Huntsville, and Austin: the records of Chappell Hill District having been misplaced. Your committee is informed that the Secretary of the Conference could not supply sufficient records to justify its presentation, but assures us it will be forthcoming, in proper condition, at our next session. Your committee reports the records of the Galveston District Conference in tolerably good condition. Yet there are two or three inaccuracies in the record, and a little carelessness in orthography and punctuation. The records of the Huntsville District Conference have been well and properly kept. The records of the Austin District Conference have been well kept. The writing is plain and the book very neat.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. MITCHELL, Chairman.

## Report of Joint Board of Finance.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to make the following report :

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| Collected for Conference claimants . . . . . | \$1,379 00        |
| Surplus delegate collections . . . . .       | 33 65             |
| Total . . . . .                              | <u>\$1,412 65</u> |

Disbursed as follows :

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Wooldrige . . . . .         | \$100 00          |
| Mrs. A. W. Smith . . . . .       | 75 00             |
| Mrs. Drake . . . . .             | 30 00             |
| Rev. J. M. Turner . . . . .      | 175 00            |
| Mrs. Fisher . . . . .            | 60 00             |
| Mrs. Stacy . . . . .             | 80 00             |
| Mrs. Carden . . . . .            | 100 00            |
| Mrs. Whitworth . . . . .         | 60 00             |
| Rev. N. A. Craven . . . . .      | 187 65            |
| Mrs. Light . . . . .             | 80 00             |
| Mrs. Kerr . . . . .              | 80 00             |
| Bro. Miller's children . . . . . | 80 00             |
| Mrs. U. C. Spencer . . . . .     | 125 00            |
| F. A. McShan . . . . .           | 130 00            |
| Mrs. B. D. Dasheill . . . . .    | 50 00             |
|                                  | <u>\$1,412 65</u> |

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| Collected for Bishops . . . . .   | \$457 85        |
| Handed to Bishop Parker . . . . . | <u>\$457 85</u> |

Your committee respectfully urge the preachers to collect at least five per cent. on their receipts, as this amount will be required to meet the claims upon us.

We find that the amount assessed our Conference by the General Conference is :

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| For Bishops . . . . . | \$330 00 |
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And recommend the apportionment of the above sum as follows :

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| Galveston District . . . . .     | \$80 00         |
| Austin District . . . . .        | 75 00           |
| Chappell Hill District . . . . . | 75 00           |
| Huntsville District . . . . .    | 50 00           |
| Calvert District . . . . .       | 50 00           |
| Total . . . . .                  | <u>\$330 00</u> |

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. GOODWYN, Chairman.



## Report of Joint Board of Finance—No. 2.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to make the following report :

Received, Colvin Fund . . . . . \$56 16

Disbursed as follows :

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| Mrs. Wooldridge . . . . .       | \$5 00 |
| Mrs. A. W. Smith . . . . .      | 4 00   |
| Mrs. Drake . . . . .            | 3 50   |
| Dr. Miller's children . . . . . | 5 00   |
| Mrs. Fisher . . . . .           | 4 00   |
| Mrs. Stacy . . . . .            | 5 00   |
| Mrs. Carden . . . . .           | 5 50   |
| Mrs. Whitworth . . . . .        | 4 00   |
| Mrs. Light . . . . .            | 5 00   |
| Mrs. A. B. F. Kerr . . . . .    | 5 00   |
| Mrs. U. C. Spencer . . . . .    | 6 16   |
| Mrs. B. D. Dashiell . . . . .   | 4 00   |

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Respectfully submitted.

A. E. GOODWYN, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, now in session in the city of Bryan, Texas :*

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals submit the following as their report :

### 1—AS TO THE PUBLISHING HOUSE AT NASHVILLE.

Your committee regret that our venerable and worthy Agent of the Publishing House failed to furnish us with his usual annual exhibit, showing the financial condition of the concern, or any communication on the subject. Having nothing referred to them upon which to base a report, we can only submit for your consideration the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Conference that the book and periodical literature published at our house in Nashville is equal in excellence to the publications of any similar establishment in the country, and that we do hereby earnestly and heartily recommend them to the patronage of our people; and that we will discourage the use, in our Churches and Sunday-schools, of any but our own publications.

### 2—THE NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The illness of the editor of our central organ, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, has kept him much from his post during the past year; nevertheless, competent management has steered it onward in its course of usefulness. Its circulation, though large, is not what it should be. Next to our own Conference organ it should receive the patronage of our people. Fifty thousand copies is not an extravagant circulation to demand for it, considering the thousands of Southern Methodists to-day, and the multiplied hundreds who are every year assuming the vows of the Church at her altars.

Your committee submit, for your consideration, the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That we will continue our efforts to increase the circulation of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, published at Nashville, Tennessee, and so ably edited by the Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D.

I. MORRIS,  
N. F. LAW,  
S. H. WERLEIN,  
R. J. PRICE,  
J. C. MICKLE,  
A. K. BROOKSHIRE.

O. T. HOTCHKISS,  
J. L. MURRAY,  
D. W. JONES,  
T. F. DIMMITT,  
S. C. VAUGHAN.

The Board of Church Extension made the following assessments on the Districts for 1883:

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| Galveston District . . . . .     | \$110 00 |
| Austin District . . . . .        | 110 00   |
| Chappell Hill District . . . . . | 110 00   |
| Huntsville District . . . . .    | 110 00   |
| Calvert District . . . . .       | 60 00    |
| Total . . . . .                  | \$500 00 |

S. H. WERLEIN, Secretary.

I. Z. T. MORRIS, President.

## Report on Education.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Conference:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Your Board of Education, appointed under the law of the Church, beg leave to submit the following report:

We feel profoundly thankful to the great Head of the Church for what has been done in the bounds of our Conference for the great cause of Christian education. Yet we feel assured that much remains to be done. We, therefore, urge all our people to a persistent, never ceasing effort to train their children in the heavenly science of Christian living.

The reports of the Board of Curators and Trustees of the Southwestern University show that the institution is entirely out of debt, and is in a better condition every way than it ever has been before, having matriculated, last year, near three hundred students. At the close of the

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Mrs. Helen L. Carmer, with several accounts, promise of great success in the future. We, therefore, heartily and unanimously recommend this institution to the fostering care and patronage of all that have daughters to educate in this land.

The report of the Board of Trustees from Chappell Hill of Soule College, shows that Dr. E. D. Pitts is the President, and has connected with him an ample corps of competent teachers; and is now prepared to instruct in a full college course all students committed to their care. We, therefore, recommend to the Bishop the appointment of Dr. Pitts to the Presidency of Soule College, and commend the institution to our people as worthy of a liberal patronage.

Your Board, after a careful consideration of the report of the Board of Trustees of Andrew Male and Female College, located at Huntsville, Texas, unanimously recommend the sale of said property, at discretion: and that the Conference appoint Rev. James G. Johnson and J. W. Oliphint agents to effect the same, and cause the Trustees to make a deed, and report their action at the next annual meeting of this Conference.

Your Board is glad to recognize in the Centerville High School an efficient auxiliary in the important work of sanctified education, and in every way worthy of the patronage of our people who wish to prepare their sons and daughters for a collegiate education. We recommend that Rev. J. F. Kollin be re-appointed to the Presidency of same, and that said institution be recognized as the District school of the Presiding Elder District in which it may fall.

The school located at Fairfield, under the Presidency of Major Bishop, we learn by verbal report is doing good work; and though not altogether the property of this Conference, yet it is doing something in the way of education in that community and town.

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## Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:*

Your Sunday School Board have considered the matters referred to them

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concerning Sunday Schools in your Conference, and report that there is an increased interest manifest in them this present year over the preceding one. We find a greater number of children under religious instruction, and a larger increase in Sunday School literature—both in books and papers of our own publication. Believing our own Sunday School books to be superior to all others for the religious instruction of our own children, we recommend their use to the exclusion of all others; and we deprecate the use of union books, and the institution and patronage of union schools. We should teach our children our own doctrines, if we believe them ourselves; and nowhere can our doctrines be so well taught to our children as by our own books and in our own schools.

We furthermore regard the Child's Department of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE as being very beneficial to the religious instruction of the children of our Church.

We are gratified to see in some of our schools an interest in the missionary cause, and recommend that all moneys raised in Sunday Schools, for missionary as well as for any other purpose, shall be reported to the Sunday School Board; and that the preachers shall report to this Board all conversions and accessions from the Sunday Schools, in order that the report may be made of the same—in an official form—and that the Church may know the success and value of these institutions of the Church. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following statistics be reported by the preachers to the Sunday School Board:

- The number of Sunday Schools.
- The number of officers and teachers.
- The number of scholars.
- The number of volumes in library.
- The number of Visitors taken.
- The number of Magazines taken.
- The number of Lesson papers taken.
- The number of Lesson Quarterlies taken.
- The number of Intermediate Quarterlies taken.
- The number of Little People taken.
- Amount of money expended for Sunday Schools.
- Amount of money collected for missions.
- Amount of money collected for other purposes.
- Number of conversions and accessions from Sunday Schools.

RESOLVED, That the Secretaries of the District Sunday School Conferences be requested to furnish a report of said Sunday School Conference to this Board.

JAMES A. GRAVES, Chairman.

C. L. SPENCER, Secretary.

### Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause deem it unnecessary to present an elaborate report on a subject so important and so familiar to all ministers of the Gospel, especially itinerant Methodist preachers. Never was there a period in the history of the Church when so much money was expended in the publication and circulation of the Scriptures as now; and never was there a period in the history of our civilization when their circulation was more necessary. It is, however, to be feared that the ability, intelligence and zeal with which this work is carried forward by "The American Bible Society" has caused too many of us to relegate the whole matter to that noble institution, forgetting that, however much may be done by others, much, very

much, might be done by us if we were careful to enter every open door and improve every opportunity to supply the people in our respective charges with the Word of God. The vindication of the Christian Scriptures is a part of every preacher's duty; but the misfortune is that there are thousands in this broad land who never enter our houses of worship or hear the Scriptures read and expounded by our preachers. Your committee would suggest that, as far as possible, all our preachers make it a part of their pastoral work to visit the houses of this class of citizens and endeavor to introduce the Bible among them, praying God's blessing upon the Word of Life. No doubt, in many cases, the Lord would grant them repentance and lead them to a knowledge of salvation through his blessed Word.

In order to accomplish this work, it is of great importance that a Depository be established in every charge. We urge, therefore, the passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That we will heartily co-operate with the Agents of the American Bible Society; and, whenever it is at all practicable, assist or if needs be organize societies auxiliary to the American Bible Society, and by all means in our power supply the people with the Word of Life.

J. MATHEWS, Chairman

### Report of Committee on Temperance.

Perhaps there is no question, among all those which the Discipline of the Church makes it the duty of an Annual Conference to consider, that is of more vital consequence to society than that of temperance, and yet none is more difficult of solution. It is one thing to theorize and speculate regarding the evils and consequences of intemperance, and the methods of arresting it; but it is quite another to force the issues of a successful conflict—to meet the giant monster and hurl him from the path of human progress; and yet we believe the truth of the Gospel and the corrective influences of Christian education are equal to the task of destroying the evil forces which have been generated through its agency. We note, however, with satisfaction that during the past year a general movement against intemperance has been apparent throughout the entire country: and while we recognize the fitness and necessity of the Church's divorcement from the State in the prosecution of its work, we regard with interest and approval the action of those States of the Union which, through their several Legislatures, have, during the period mentioned, passed statutory regulations prohibiting the manufacture of and sale of ardent spirits.

We recommend to our pastors a careful study of the disciplinary instructions on this subject, as contained in the General Rules of our Church, and the chapter added by the late General Conference. Social drinking among the membership of the Church should be decried and vigorously met as a misdemeanor highly detrimental to the dignity and privilege of discipleship; and we would further recommend that our pastors preach at least once during the conference year to their people on the subject of temperance, emphasizing the spirit and letter of our rules and the wholesomeness of total abstinence.

H. M. DuBOSE, Chairman.

BRYAN, December 15th, 1882.

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Report on Memoirs.

The Committee on Memoirs made report as follows, which was adopted:

The Committee on Memoirs beg leave to report that a memorial service was held in the M. E. Church, South, on yesterday, the 17th, at 3 o'clock P. M., when, after divine service conducted by Revs. James M. Wesson, J. W. Whipple, and E. S. Smith, memoirs were read as follow: Of Bishop Paine, by S. C. Littlepage; of H. B. Stocking, by O. T. Hotchkiss; of Rev. B. D. Dashiell, by I. G. John; of J. P. Sneed, by H. M. Glass; of Robert Alexander, by F. T. Mitchell. After reading these memoirs, addresses were delivered by Bishop Parker and Rev. J. W. Whipple.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the memorial resolutions. Also, that Rev. I. G. John is requested to get together all the material possible and prepare for publication a volume of memoirs of Rev. Robert Alexander, and any other of the deceased members of the Texas Conference which he may choose to include. Respectfully submitted.

F. T. MITCHELL, Chairman.

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## BISHOP ROBERT PAINE.

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The entrance of our late venerable senior Bishop, ROBERT PAINE, upon the rewards of the blest has been the occasion of so many sermons and memorial addresses by his associates in the episcopal office and intimate friends, and these have been so widely circulated by the papers and periodicals of the Church he loved and served so long and well, that your committee only ask the privilege of taking part with the whole Church in embalming his sacred memory in our hearts, and claiming our privilege to catch the inspiration of his glorious life, and give emphasis to the lesson his useful labors have so well exemplified. Whatever may have been the conscious motives to which his success may be attributed, the universal verdict must be in every department of ministerial usefulness—as a preacher, a college president, and a bishop—he attained the mastery; his striving must have been lawful, as the Master approved it, and His grace and providence conferred the crown. How important, then, that we, as preachers, have clear conceptions of the laws and spirit by which this eminent servant of God attained such usefulness; and in whom, in common with all our eminent and glorious dead, the grace of God has been so magnified. Thanks be to God! these laws are simple, and the spirit may be attained by all. In few words, absolute, calm, unshaken faith in God and the sufficiency of His word, the omnipotence of His spirit, with uncalculating devotion to duty, has secured to the Church the heritage we enjoy in the memory of Bishop PAINE.

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## REV. ROBERT ALEXANDER, D. D.

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ROBERT ALEXANDER was born in Tennessee on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1811.

Of his early life we have as yet but little accurate information. He received such education as his parents were able to give him at that early day, in the comparative wilds of his native State; and while it was not classical, it was sufficient, with his later culture, to enable him to read, think and speak with great accuracy and force. At the age of seventeen, *i. e.*, September, 1828, he was awakened to a sense of his condition as a sinner, was thoroughly converted to God, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the year 1829, Brother Alexander was licensed to exhort, and having used that authority to the satisfaction of the brethren for nearly one year, he was licensed to preach early in the year 1830. In October, 1830, he was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference, and appointed to the Bedford circuit; but in the course of the year, the interest of the work requiring it, he was changed to the Goose Creek circuit, from which he had received his recommendation to the Annual Conference. His second appointment was the Fountainhead circuit, as junior preacher; the venerable John Page being in charge. In 1832 he was appointed to the Murfreesboro circuit, and the following year his field of labor was on the Mill Creek circuit. At the close of this year brother Alexander was sent to the Alabama Conference, but before entering his new field he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference, and placed in the Port Gibson and Grand Gulf work. In the Autumn of 1835 Brother Alexander began that which was henceforth his peculiar province, *i. e.*, the organization of new fields in the vineyard of the Master—opening and preparing ground for other laborers to occupy.

He was appointed Superintendent of the Chickasaw District, and during the year organized, and at Conference reported, the field since known as the Holly Springs District. In the Fall of 1836 he was stationed at Natchez. Before the Conference year closed, however, our young preacher—already advanced to the first and most responsible places in his Conference—was selected for a larger and still more responsible work in a distant field. In connection with Dr. Martin Ruter and Littleton Fowler, Robert Alexander was appointed missionary to Texas in 1837, at a time when Texas was as truly a missionary field as Mexico or Brazil are to-day. I regret that I cannot give the particulars of his journey, nor even who his traveling companions were; but on horseback

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he wended his way, in those hot August days, across the State of Louisiana, freighted, as a cart beneath its sheaves, with the Gospel message; and on the 19th of that month crossed the Sabine, and that very afternoon, three miles from the ferry, he opened his message to the people. Would to God that we knew his text, his sermon, and its effect upon the hearers. We doubt not that his feelings and inspirations were akin to those of Paul when he entered Macedonia at Philippi; and we doubt not some Lydia or other could tell us all about it if we could meet her, and of the wondrous power of God which attended him who was led by the Spirit into the wilderness of Texas. The day following he preached at McMahan's school-house, and the next day at San Augustine. During the next five weeks this heroic minister of Christ organized the San Augustine circuit, and held his first quarterly meeting in Texas, in connection with a camp meeting, and licensed two men to exhort, both of whom afterwards became itinerant ministers.

Having thus planted the Gospel on the banks of the Sabine, he left the work in the hands of — — —, and moved on West to Caney Creek, Austin county, where he ere long held a camp-meeting and organized the Washington circuit. Hitherto he had been alone, but in the latter part of October our young missionary was greatly encouraged and strengthened by the arrival of Dr. Ruter and Mr. Fowler.

Henceforth there was counsel and co-operation. Dr. Ruter entered the educational work, and soon founded a college at Ruttersville. Alexander and Fowler went everywhere, preaching the Gospel of glad tidings. In 1838 brother Alexander filled the Washington circuit, covering an immense territory. In 1839 he sought a new field and organized the Ruttersville circuit, on the Colorado river. Early in the year 1840 the Republic of Texas was by the authorities of the Church assigned to Robert Alexander and Littleton Fowler as superintendents, the former having charge of the western division and the latter of the eastern—the Brazos being the dividing line. On Christmas day, December 25th, 1840, Bishop Waugh convened the Methodist ministers in Ruttersville, Texas, and organized the Texas Annual Conference. The band of heroic pioneer itinerants had grown to eighteen, whose names appear in the minutes of that year. Among them are Robert Alexander, Littleton Fowler, T. O. Summers, F. Wilson, S. A. Williams, J. Henry, C. Richardson, and eleven others, whose names are familiar to old Texans. Robert Alexander was appointed Presiding Elder of the Ruttersville District, which embraced the heart of Texas and the strength of Methodism in the State. The year following the Conference met at San Augustine, Bishop Morris presiding; and brother Alexander was appointed to the Galveston District, where he remained four years. In 1843 the Conference convened at Bastrop, and Bishop Roberts failing to attend, on account of age and infirmity, Robert Alexander was elected to preside over the deliberations of the body and to make

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its appointments. This honor was thrice conferred upon him, *i. e.*, at Bastrop in 1843, at Waco in 1854, and at Brenham in 1880. From the Galveston District Brother Alexander was transferred to the Chappell Hill District, where he remained four years, *i. e.*, 1845 to 1850. From 1850 to 1852 he was again on the Galveston District. The writer of this article is not prepared to give all the appointments, in their order, filled by Brother Alexander. He served the Church as his health would allow until his last illness in 1881-2, as Bible agent, pastor, presiding elder; and wherever he was, and whatever he did, his faithfulness and efficiency were marked. He was a member of the Convention which met in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1845, and organized the M. E. Church, South; and he was a member of every succeeding General Conference until by the hand of sickness he was laid upon his bed of death. He was an honor to the Church, and the Church delighted to honor him in turn—an illustrious exemplification and fulfillment of the promise of Christ: If any man serve me, him will my Father honor. Of the circumstances attending the last illness and death of Dr. Alexander, the Church has been sufficiently advised in an article from the pen of Rev. S. C. Littlepage. For many years the Doctor was a great sufferer, and submitted to more than one painful operation. What he endured would perhaps have killed several ordinary men. But he bore it all as a Christian hero, which he was to the fullest extent. A wonderful mingling of the manly power with Christian faith.

As a man Dr. Alexander was just, honorable and brave. As a minister he was the peer of the ablest of his comrades; clear, logical, and fearless, he preached the Gospel with the consciousness that his authority was not from man, but from God. Gentle and kind in his family, and with his friends, he made no compromise with sin, nor did he withhold from the sinner or the unfaithful Christian the terrors of the Divine law. No man has done more for the cause of Christ and public virtue in Texas than Dr. Alexander. He has left his impress upon the Church of his choice, and every Christian commission in the State is indebted to him for a part of its life and growth. More than this, public men who were Christless have come under the influence of his lofty example, his sublime teaching, and his heroic virtue; and only eternity will develop how far these have aided in correcting error, restraining vice, and raising the standard of intelligence and worth. He "being dead yet speaketh." Long as manly virtue, Christian intelligence, and ministerial fidelity are held in reverence and are esteemed by men, will the name of Robert Alexander be cherished and honored by the men and women of Texas.

*Served 52 years*

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## BENJAMIN D. DASHIELL.

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BENJAMIN D. DASHIELL was born in Vienna, Maryland, September 31st, 1831.

He removed with his parents to Texas in 1837, and his youth was spent in San Augustine, Beaumont and Sabine Pass, of this State. November 11th, 1852, he was married in Cambridge, Maryland, to Miss Julia Ann Travis, who still survives him. We are unable to give the date of his conversion, but with those who knew him there was no doubt respecting the fact that grace had wrought that wonderful change in his heart and life. He was licensed to preach as a local preacher at a Quarterly Conference held by N. A. Cravens, of the Galveston District, Texas Conference, November 1st, 1852, and the same year was admitted on trial into the Texas Conference and stationed at Richmond. In 1853 he was appointed to the Anderson circuit; in 1854 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Early, in Chappell Hill, and stationed at LaGrange. From 1855 to 1858 he served the Church at Columbia and Brazoria; in 1859 he served the Brazoria circuit. He was ordained elder in 1856 by Bishop Paine, at Gonzales. In 1860 and 1861 he filled the pastorate at Gonzales; in 1862 he was stationed at San Marcos, and in 1863 and 1864 at Chappell Hill. In 1865 he was connected with Soule University and supplied the pastorate on Belleville circuit. In 1866 he was with Soule University and an adjacent mission. In 1867 and 1868, answering what he deemed his duty to his family, he held a local relation to the Church. In 1869 he resumed his place in the itinerant ranks, and for three years served the Church as Presiding Elder of the Chappell Hill District. In 1872 he was Presiding Elder of the Galveston District, and for the ensuing four years was stationed at Brenham. In 1877 he was placed on the Galveston District where he labored two years. In 1879 a tumor appeared on his right leg, caused, it is supposed, by a bruise from the saddle in riding, which compelled him to suspend his labors during a large portion of the year, and amid great suffering to endure several surgical operations, under which he displayed the Christian heroism that ever characterized the man. In the midst of much suffering he continued his labors for the Church he loved so well until 1880, when he yielded to the advice of physicians and those who loved him and was left without an appointment. But his heart was in his Master's work, and at the ensuing Conference he claimed a place once more among the effective men. He was assigned to the Chappell Hill District, and with his form supported upon his crutches he stood up in the pulpit, strong in heart though maimed in body, while preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. It was evident to his friends that the burden was too great for his slowly failing strength, and

## BENJAMIN D. DASHIELL.

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that nothing but the strong will and undying devotion of the man sustained him under the pressure of official responsibility, and the physical suffering he was called on to endure. At the Conference of 1881 he was again assigned to the Chappell Hill District, but it was evident to his friends that his earthly work was done. He visited Galveston, hoping that a brief rest and its bracing air would give vigor to his failing frame, but the skillful physician and sympathy and care of loving friends could not arrest the hand of death. He was conscious of his condition, and his strongest earthly wish was to be with his loved ones again. "I am going home," he said to the brother at whose house he had been staying, "to die in the bosom of my family." He met death as he had ever met the calls of duty, with calm, unfaltering faith. "All is right, and all is clear in the direction of heaven. I thank God for his abundant grace, which sustains me in my afflictions." Such was the testimony of this dying saint to the pastor who stood beside his bed. On the 14th of January, 1882, he surrendered the cross to wear the crown his Master reserves for his faithful servants. The companion of his life, in a letter to a friend, thus writes: "I never knew him in his whole ministry to miss an appointment unless prevented by circumstances he could not control. He did not consider his own ease or comfort—he was willing to suffer for the cause of Christ. Many times during the last years of his ministry I have seen him start to a Quarterly Conference so tired and weary he could scarcely walk, yet he missed but one appointment during the year, and then he started but was unable to reach the train. Often he said to me: 'When we get to heaven—our home—we will be rewarded for all our sufferings, privations, and sacrifices.' He has already reached that happy home, and I expect to get there, too. A better man, a more devoted husband, and a more loving and indulgent father never lived." Such is the testimony of the wife who had shared the toils and burdens of his itinerant career. His brethren in the Conference can bear witness to his worth as an able minister of the New Testament, and to his spirit of lofty consecration to the work of his Master. As a preacher he was clear and strong in his pulpit ministrations; genial and loving in his spirit, and faithful in his work as a pastor. A faithful life has well rounded up in a peaceful and triumphant death. May we when the Bridegroom comes be also ready to go out and meet him.

*Served the church 28 years*

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## HENRY BEARD STOCKING.

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HENRY BEARD STOCKING was born in Harris county, Texas, December 14th, 1849.

Being born of Christian parents, and growing up in a home where morning and evening prayer was a part of the day's routine of duty, it is not surprising that he gave his heart to God in early life; but from this profession he was led astray by the influence of those who were older and had learned to love sin. In the year 1875 he was again happily converted to God, and from that time was an earnest laborer in his Master's vineyard. His reclamation took place in the neighborhood of his home, near the place where he was born and where he first joined the Church, among the playmates of his boyhood days, surrounded by kindred and friends: and there he labored faithfully until he joined the itinerant ranks. He was licensed to exhort the same year, and after filling that office acceptably for two months was licensed to preach August 28th, 1875, by a Quarterly Conference presided over by Rev. I. G. John. From that time his life was marked by devotion to duty. He spent his time in preaching to those who were shut out from church privileges, and went, with a heart full of love, to preach in the waste places the glad tidings of salvation. During the week he labored hard to support the loved ones who were dependent on him, and Sundays he was to be found in the congregation telling the story of the cross. At night he studied hard and long, that he might learn more about Jesus to tell to sinners. In Murch, 1879, he took charge of Eagle Lake circuit, as supply by appointment of Rev. B. D. Dashiell, Presiding Elder. His labors were greatly blessed during the year—revivals were had at nearly every appointment—and many were converted to God and added to the Church. At the close of the year, he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection at the Conference held at Austin. At the same Conference he was ordained deacon, as a local preacher, by Bishop McTyeire. By proper authority he was returned to Eagle Lake circuit, where he labored faithfully during the year. At the Conference held at Brenham, in 1880, he was re-appointed to the same work, where his preaching was again blessed, making three years of successful labor in that charge. In 1881 the Conference met at Houston, and he was appointed to the Plantersville and Montgomery circuit. He arrived at his new charge in good time, and entered upon what promised to be a good year's work, but scarcely had he begun

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when a cloud appeared upon the horizon—disease began to show itself. Though sent as an ambassador of peace, and commissioned to preach the everlasting Gospel, he was not exempt from the ravages of disease, but was stricken down in vigorous manhood, April 18th, 1882. He calmly fell asleep in Jesus, surrounded by loved ones and friends who had done all that could be done by human hands to relieve his sufferings and sooth his dying hour. He died calmly, peacefully, quietly, "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch around him and lies down to pleasant dreams." And yet as he passed away there was a light of heavenly triumph in his eye, and the victor's smile played upon his features. Henry Beard Stocking is gone! He has finished his course; he rests from his labors. Whose summons will come next? God grant that, like our departed brother, we may fall at our post with our armor on.

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